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EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT CHARLESTON

THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, : Civil Action

Plaintiff, : No. 3:17-cv-01362

V.

AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants. :

CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION, : Civil Action

Plaintiff, : No. 3:17-cv-01665

V.

AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants. :

BENCH TRIAL - VOLUME 31
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID A. FABER, SENIOR STATUS JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE 29, 2021

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            PROCEEDINGS had before The Honorable David A.
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       Faber, Senior Status Judge, United States District
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       Court, Southern District of West Virginia, in
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       Charleston, West Virginia, on June 29, 2021, at 9:00
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       a.m., as follows:
                 THE COURT: Welcome back, Mr. Fuller. Do you have
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       something you want to do here?
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                 MR. FULLER: Yeah, Judge. I figured you needed a
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       little disruption first thing, so I will admit some more
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       documents.
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            Judge, plaintiffs are going to admit the following P
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       numbers: 4201, 42104. I'm sorry. Let me start over.
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       42112, 42119, 42120, 42121, 42122, 42124, 42 -- 42125, 42126
       and 42127.
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            They're being admitted by stipulation, Judge, and I
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       will hand the clerk a thumb drive with everything on it.
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            And if I did make a mistake, because the defense is
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       still reviewing them, they're all Cardinal docs for
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       everybody else, they're going to let me know and we'll fix
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       it. And that takes care of it.
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            All of those are plaintiffs' documents.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Fuller.
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                 MR. FULLER: Thank you, Judge.
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                 THE COURT: Before we get back to Dr. Alexander,
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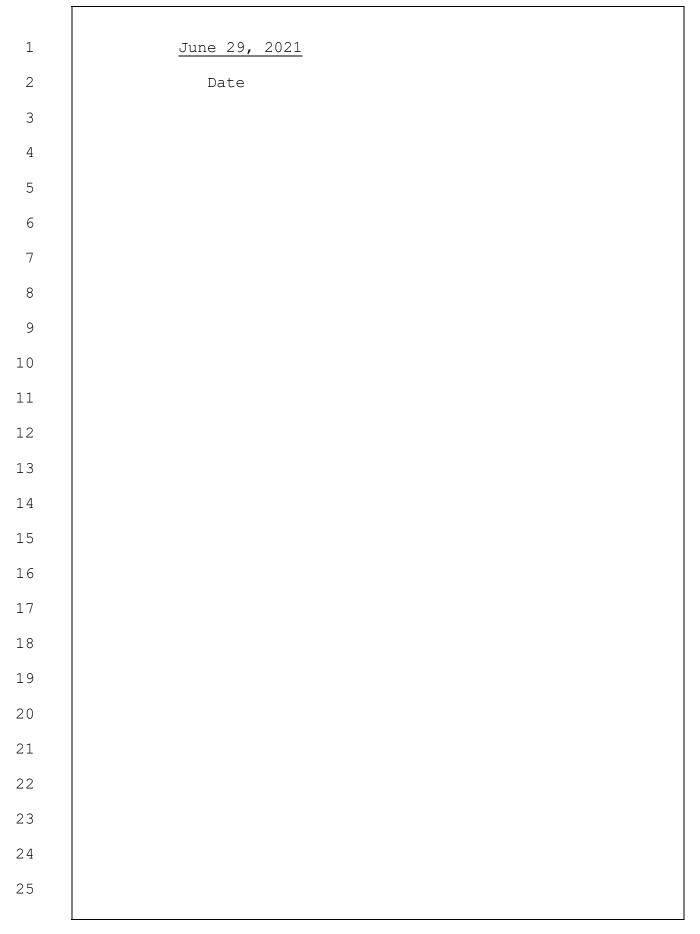
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       the issue on the admissibility of his redress model is
       before the Court and we've read the briefs and done a good
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       bit of work on it ourselves and the expert -- the exhibit at
       issue here was part of Dr. Alexander's expert report. The
       rules well establish that expert reports are hearsay and not
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       admissible in the evidence.
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            The exhibit here at issue is not a summary that would
       be admissible under Rule 1006, but instead, is a portion of
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       the report lifted from the report.
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            Dr. Alexander was permitted to refer to the challenged
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       exhibit as a demonstrative during his testimony and I
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       conditionally admitted it. The plaintiffs insist it's a
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       necessary basis for the testimony of the expert Barrett.
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            Rule 703 permits experts to rely on matters that need
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       not be admissible. So, the Court is going to sustain the
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       objection to admission of the exhibit drawn from Dr.
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       Alexander's report, but the witness Barrett may testify with
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       regard thereto if relied upon in forming the expert opinion.
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       I think Rule 703 permits that.
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            So, Dr. Alexander, we're back to you.
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            And, Ms. Singer, you may re-direct, if you wish.
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                 MS. SINGER: Thank you. And good morning, Your
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       Honor.
             Good morning, Dr. Alexander.
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                 THE WITNESS:
                               Good morning.
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                 MS. SINGER: So, I made a promise. I'm going to
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       try to keep it, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Good.
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                           REDIRECT EXAMINATION
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                 BY MS. SINGER:
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            Dr. Alexander, you were asked questions yesterday on
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       cross examination about whether the abatement plan
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       contemplates services for people who had not used opioids or
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       not used opioids before 2021. Do you recall those
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       questions?
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           Yes, I do.
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            Now, you were asked some hypothetical questions and I
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       want to ask you a non-hypothetical question. Is it
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       reasonable to assume that individuals will continue to
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       develop addiction as a result of the epidemic that exists
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       right now in Cabell County and the City of Huntington?
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            Yes, it is.
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            And in your expert opinion will individuals who are not
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       current or past opioid users still be harmed by the opioid
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       epidemic that exists in this community?
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            Yes, they will.
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            And can you explain the basis for that opinion?
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            Sure. Well, the opioid epidemic, I mean, I discussed
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       yesterday one example of this, which is the
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       intergenerational perpetuation of addiction. So, there are
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       in our report is also in other State Attorney General action
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       reports that he published.
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                 THE COURT: Well, his testimony is what it is and
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       at some point, I'll read it. So --
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                 MR. HESTER: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Anything else before we adjourn until
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       tomorrow?
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            (No Response)
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                 THE COURT: Okay. I'll see everybody in the
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       morning.
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            (Trial recessed at 4:46 p.m.)
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            CERTIFICATION:
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                      I, Ayme A. Cochran, Official Court Reporter,
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       and I, Lisa A. Cook, Official Court Reporter, certify that
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       the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of
       proceedings in the matter of The City of Huntington, et al.,
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       Plaintiffs vs. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.,
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       Defendants, Civil Action No. 3:17-cv-01362 and Civil Action
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       No. 3:17-cv-01665, as reported on June 29, 2021.
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                 S\Ayme A. Cochran
                                               s\Lisa A. Cook
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